

MONEY PAID MARY WOODBURY AND OTHERS.

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LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN ANSWER TO

*A resolution of the House of Representatives, asking by what authority certain money allotted to Mary Woodbury and others, under the Sioux treaty, was paid.*

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FEBRUARY 7, 1861.—Referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, *February 6, 1861.*

SIR: In compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives adopted 24th December last, directing the Secretary of the Interior "to report to whom and by what authority certain sums of money allotted or awarded to Mary Woodbury" and others, under the Sioux treaty, were paid, &c., &c., I have the honor to submit a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, to whom the resolution was referred, together with the papers therein referred to.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

MOSES KELLY,  
*Acting Secretary.*

Hon. WM. PENNINGTON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Office of Indian Affairs, February 5, 1861.*

SIR: I have the honor to enclose herewith the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 24th December last, referred to this office by your department on the 28th following, relative to certain claims under treaty with the Sioux Indians of September 29, 1837, together with copies of papers obtained from the Second Auditor's office, and a copy of the Auditor's letter of the 20th ultimo, which contain all the information required by the resolution named, not pre-

viously transmitted, except as to the fact "whether the claimants have ever received the several amounts due them under the treaty," this office having no information as to whether the amounts received by the trustees were ever paid to the claimants, for whose use they held the trusts.

The copies referred to in the Second Auditor's letter of the 29th ultimo, as being marked A and B, were returned this day to Hon. C. Aldrich, from whom they were received, per his letter of the 25th ultimo.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. B. GREENWOOD,  
*Commissioner.*

MOSES KELLY, Esq.,  
*Acting Secretary of the Interior.*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
*Second Auditor's Office, January 29, 1861.*

SIR: Your letter of the 28th instant, enclosing a resolution of the House of Representatives and other papers, in relation to payments to certain persons under Sioux treaty of 1837, has been received.

In reply, I have to say that the copies marked A and B, received in your letter, concerning the payments to J. B. Mozean, Sophia Mozean, Antoine Mozean, and Joseph Sabathe, children, &c., were transmitted to W. W. Phelps, June 25, 1859, city of Washington, at his written request of that date. In relation to the other persons, viz: Mary Taliaferro and Elizabeth Williams, I send herewith a copy of the receipt of Law. Taliaferro, trustee, and the certificate of Messrs. Pease and Ewing, commissioners, authorizing Mr. Taliaferro to receive said sums, as trustee.

The resolution, together with all the papers received in your letter, are herewith returned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

T. J. D. FULLER,  
*Second Auditor.*

Hon. A. B. GREENWOOD,  
*Commissioner of Indian Affairs.*

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We certify that, in making a distribution of the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars, provided in the second article of the treaty made with the Sioux Indians of the Mississippi at Washington city, September 29, 1837, to be paid to the friends and relatives of said Indians of not less than one-quarter Sioux blood, Mary Lawrence Taliaferro, Elizabeth Williams, and Mary Eastman, related to said Indians in the degree of half-bloods, have been awarded the sum of—1st, to Mary Lawrence Taliaferro the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, and to each of the other persons mentioned aforesaid

the sum of five hundred dollars, respectively. The money to be paid to Lawrence Taliaferro, Indian agent at St. Peters, to be held by him in trust for the use and benefit of the persons aforesaid, respectively.

L. T. PEASE,  
WM. L. D. EWING,  
*Commissioners.*

SEPTEMBER 24, 1838.

Countersigned :

LAWRENCE TALIAFERRO,  
*Indian Agent, St. Peters.*

Received of Major E. A. Hitchcock, principal military disbursing agent, Indian department, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars in specie, being the amount awarded by the commissioners to distribute one hundred and ten thousand dollars, provided in the second article of the treaty with the Sioux Indians of the Mississippi, September 29, 1837, to Mary L. Taliaferro seven hundred and fifty dollars, to Mary Eastman and Elizabeth Williams, each the sum of five hundred dollars, awarded to be paid to Lawrence Taliaferro, trustee.

LAW. TALIAFERRO.

SAINT PETERS, *October 1, 1838.*

Witness :

A. S. HOWE, *Captain 5th Infantry.*

